UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

KACY KNIGHT, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,	Case No.
Plaintiff,	<u>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</u>
v.	
META PLATFORMS, INC.,	
Defendant.	

Plaintiff Kacy Knight ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated, by and through his attorneys, makes the following allegations pursuant to the investigation of his counsel and based upon information and belief, except as to allegations specifically pertaining to himself and his counsel, which are based on personal knowledge.

<u>NATURE OF THE ACTION</u>

1.   This is a class action suit brought against Defendant Meta Platforms, Inc. ("Meta") for surreptitiously tracking New Jerseyans' new car registrations, identification card renewals, drivers' license examination appointments, and other activity on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission ("MVC") website, down to the very last button click. Meta uses this information to help it deliver targeted advertisements across its social networks, including facebook.com, among others. Because Meta never asked New Jersey drivers for their express written consent to obtain or use this highly sensitive information for advertising, it violated the federal Drivers' Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2721, *et seq*. ("DPPA").

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2.   When users visit facebook.com, Meta surreptitiously installs a tracking code, called the Meta Tracking Pixel, onto their web browsers. This tracking code typically stays on Facebook users' browsers for 90 days and allows Meta to collect information about what those users do when they are off the site.[1] This includes the actions Facebook users take while they are on the New Jersey MVC website, at https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/.

3.   In recent years, more and more of the MVC's work has moved online, from appointment bookings to new car registrations. In the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the New Jersey MVC undertook a "new smart business model" to enable drivers to utilize its website to complete several routine transactions.[2] At the same time, however, the MVC hosts the Meta Tracking Pixel to allow Meta to surveil what New Jerseyans do when they are on its website. Meta, in turn, uses this information to deliver targeted advertisements to its users.

4.   Regrettably, this conduct is nothing new. The DPPA was enacted in 1994 out of "concern related to the States' common practice of selling personal information to businesses engaged in direct marketing and solicitation." *Maracich v. Spears*, 570 U.S. 48, 57 (2013). "The DPPA regulates the universe of entities that participate as suppliers to the market for motor vehicle information—the States as initial suppliers of the information in interstate commerce and private resellers or redisclosers of that information in commerce." *Reno v. Condon*, 528 U.S. 141, 151 (2000).

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[1] THE GUARDIAN, *Meta injecting code into websites to track its users, research says* (Aug. 11, 2022), https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2022/aug/11/meta-injecting-code-into-websites-visited-by-its-users-to-track-them-research-says.

[2] NJ.COM, *Why so Many N.J. Motor Vehicle Commission transactions can now be done online*, (Jun. 12, 2023), https://www.nj.com/news/2023/06/why-so-many-nj-motor-vehicle-commission-transactions-can-now-be-done-online.html.

5.   The DPPA prohibits companies like Meta from "knowingly obtain[ing] … or us[ing] personal information, from a motor vehicle record for a purpose not permitted" by the law. 18 U.S.C. § 2724(a). Obtaining and using drivers' personal information for direct marketing is not permitted by law. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2721(b).

PARTIES

6.   Plaintiff Kacy Knight is, and has been at all relevant times, a citizen of New Jersey who resides in Fort Lee. Kacy Knight has visited https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/ on multiple occasions to complete various kinds of online business with the New Jersey MVC within the last four years.

7.   Defendant Meta Platforms, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 1 Meta Way, Menlo Park, California, 94025.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8.   This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because it arises under a law of the United States (*i.e.*, the DPPA).

9.   This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because it conducts substantial business within New Jersey, including (1) the mass surveillance and collection of private information from New Jersey residents while they interact with the New Jersey MVC website, and (2) using insights derived from that mass surveillance in New Jersey MVC to then deliver targeted advertisements to those same residents of New Jersey.

10.   Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A.   The DPPA

11.   The DPPA was enacted in 1994 out of a concern related to the misuse of
information that had been acquired through the coercive power of the State, which was
exemplified by States' common practice of selling consumer data to businesses engaged in
consumer marketing and solicitation. The DPPA regulates both state motor vehicle departments
as well as the people and businesses that obtain and use personal information from those
departments. The DPPA provides that, unless one of its exceptions applies, a state department of
motor vehicles "shall not knowingly disclose or otherwise make available" "personal
information" and "highly restricted personal information" from a "motor vehicle record." 18
U.S.C. §§ 2721(a)(1)-(2). Personal information from a motor vehicle record can only be
disclosed for "bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitation if the State has obtained the
express consent of the person to whom such personal information pertains." 18 U.S.C. §
2721(b)(12).

12.   The DPPA terms are broadly defined. A "'motor vehicle record' means any
record that pertains to a motor vehicle operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle
registration, or identification card issued by a department of motor vehicles." 18 U.S.C. §
2725(1). "[P]ersonal information" as any "information that identifies an individual" and
includes correlated numbers, "including … [a] social security number, driver identification
number, … [or] telephone number." 18 U.S.C. § 2725(3). Additionally, the definitions of both
"personal information" and "highly restricted personal information" include an individual's
"medical or disability information." 18 U.S.C. § 2725(4). In order for a motor vehicle

department to obtain "express consent," it must obtain "consent *in writing*, including consent conveyed electronically that bears an electronic signature." 18 U.S.C. § 2725(5).

B.   The Meta Tracking Pixel

13.   Facebook is the largest social networking site on the planet, touting 2.9 billion monthly active users.[3] Facebook describes itself as a "real identity platform,"[4] meaning users are allowed only one account and must share "the name they go by in everyday life."[5] To that end, when creating an account, users must provide their first and last name, along with their birthday and gender.[6]

14.   Meta owns facebook.com and generates revenue by selling advertising space on Facebook, and other applications it owns, like Instagram.[7]

15.   Meta sells advertising space by highlighting its ability to target users.[8] Meta can target users so effectively because it surveils user activity both on and *off its site*.[9] This allows Meta to make inferences about users beyond what they explicitly disclose, like their "interests," "behavior," and "connections."[10] Meta compiles this information into a generalized dataset

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[3] Sean Burch, *Facebook Climbs to 2.9 Billion Users, Report 29.1 Billion in Q2 Sales*, YAHOO (July 28, 2021), https://www.yahoo.com/now/facebook-climbs-2-9-billion-202044267.html.

[4] Sam Schechner and Jeff Horwitz, *How Many Users Does Facebook Have? The Company Struggles to Figure It Out*, WALL. ST. J. (Oct. 21, 2021).

[5] FACEBOOK, COMMUNITY STANDARDS, PART IV INTEGRITY AND AUTHENTICITY, https://www.facebook.com/communitystandards/integrity_authenticity.

[6] FACEBOOK, SIGN UP, https://www.facebook.com/.

[7] Mike Isaac, *Facebook's profit surges 101 percent on strong ad sales.*, N.Y. TIMES (July 28, 2021), https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/28/business/facebook-q2-earnings.html.

[8] FACEBOOK, WHY ADVERTISE ON FACEBOOK, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/205029060038706.

[9] FACEBOOK, ABOUT FACEBOOK PIXEL, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/742478679120153?id=1205376682832142.

[10] FACEBOOK, AD TARGETING: HELP YOUR ADS FIND THE PEOPLE WHO WILL LOVE YOUR BUSINESS, https://www.facebook.com/business/ads/ad-targeting.

called "Core Audiences," which advertisers use to apply highly specific filters and parameters

for their targeted advertisements.[11]

16.   Advertisers can also build "Custom Audiences."[12] Custom Audiences enable

advertisers to reach "people who have already shown interest in [their] business, whether they're

loyal customers or people who have used [their] app or visited [their] website."[13] Advertisers

can use a Custom Audience to target existing customers directly, or they can use it to build

"Lookalike Audiences," which "leverages information such as demographics, interests, and

behavior from your source audience to find new people who share similar qualities."[14]   Unlike

Core Audiences, Custom Audiences require an advertiser to supply the underlying data to Meta.

They can do so through two mechanisms: by manually uploading contact information for

customers, or by utilizing Facebook's "Business Tools," which collect and transmit the data

automatically.[15] One such Business Tool is the Meta Tracking Pixel.

17.   The Meta Tracking Pixel is a piece of code that advertisers, like Defendant, can

integrate into their website. Once activated, the Meta Tracking Pixel "tracks the people and type

of actions they take."[16] When the Meta Tracking Pixel captures an action, it sends a record to

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[11] FACEBOOK, EASIER, MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS TO REACH THE RIGHT PEOPLE ON FACEBOOK, https://www.facebook.com/business/news/Core-Audiences.

[12] FACEBOOK, ABOUT CUSTOM AUDIENCES, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/744354708981227?id=2469097953376494.

[13] FACEBOOK, ABOUT EVENTS CUSTOM AUDIENCE, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/366151833804507?id=300360584271273.

[14] FACEBOOK, ABOUT LOOKALIKE AUDIENCES, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/164749007013531?id=401668390442328.

[15] FACEBOOK, CREATE A CUSTOMER LIST CUSTOM AUDIENCE, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/170456843145568?id=2469097953376494; FACEBOOK, CREATE A WEBSITE CUSTOM AUDIENCE, https://www.facebook.com/business/help/1474662202748341?id=2469097953376494.

[16] FACEBOOK, RETARGETING, https://www.facebook.com/business/goals/retargeting.

Facebook. Once this record is received, Meta processes it, analyzes it, and assimilates it into

datasets like the Core Audiences and Custom Audiences.

18.   Advertisers control what actions—or, as Meta calls it, "events"—the Meta

Tracking Pixel will collect, including the website's metadata, along with what pages a visitor

views.[17] Advertisers can also configure the Meta Tracking Pixel to track other events. Meta

offers a menu of "standard events" from which advertisers can choose, including what content a

visitor views or purchases.[18] An advertiser can also create their own tracking parameters by

building a "custom event."[19]

19.   Advertisers control how the Meta Tracking Pixel identifies visitors. The Meta

Tracking Pixel is configured to automatically collect "HTTP Headers" and "Pixel-specific

Data."[20] HTTP Headers collect "IP addresses, information about the web browser, page

location, document, referrer and persons using the website."[21] Pixel-specific Data includes "the

Pixel ID and cookie."[22]

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[17] *See* FACEBOOK, FACEBOOK PIXEL, ACCURATE EVENT TRACKING, ADVANCED,
https://developers.facebook.com/docs/facebook-pixel/advanced/; *see also* FACEBOOK, BEST
PRACTICES FOR FACEBOOK PIXEL SETUP,
https://www.facebook.com/business/help/218844828315224?id=1205376682832142.

[18] FACEBOOK, SPECIFICATIONS FOR FACEBOOK PIXEL STANDARD EVENTS,
https://www.facebook.com/business/help/402791146561655?id=1205376682832142.

[19] FACEBOOK, ABOUT STANDARD AND CUSTOM WEBSITE EVENTS,
https://www.facebook.com/business/help/964258670337005?id=1205376682832142.

[20] FACEBOOK, FACEBOOK PIXEL, https://developers.facebook.com/docs/facebook-pixel/.

[21] *Id.*

[22] *Id.*

C.   **The New Jersey MVC website and the Meta Pixel**

20.   The New Jersey MVC website hosts the Meta Tracking Pixel. The website transmits three distinct events to Meta via the Meta Tracking Pixel: "PageView," "Microdata," and "Button Click." Figure 1 below, shows these three events being transmitted to Meta.[23]
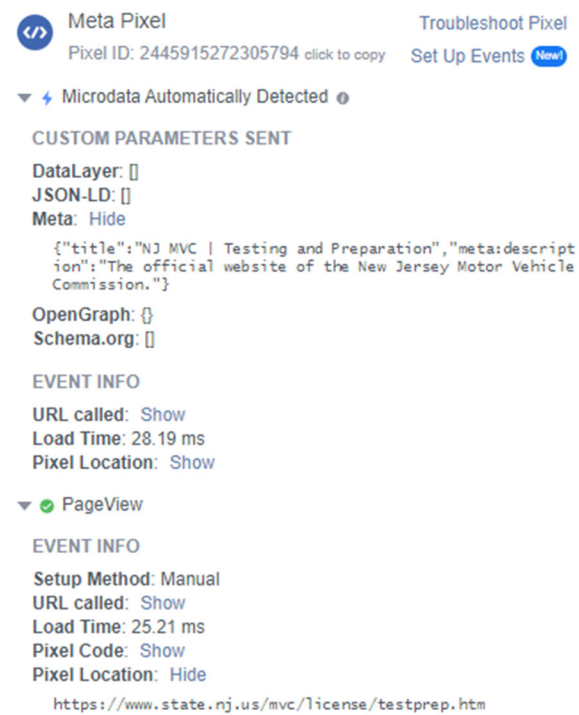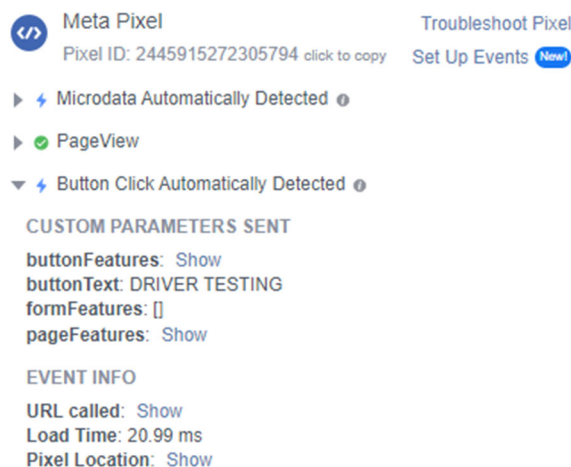

Figure 1

21.   The first event, "PageView," simply tells Meta which specific website URL the driver has navigated to. *See* Figure 2, next page. The second event, "Microdata" tells Meta the "title" of that webpage, as well as a brief "description" of what is contained on that page. *See id.*

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[23] This data derives from a tool, the "Meta Pixel Helper," created and offered by Meta for download as a web browser plug-in.

Figure 2

22.   The third event, "Button Click" event tells Meta if and exactly when a driver clicks on a particular button on a webpage, along with the text of that button. Figure 3, below shows the "Button Click" event generated after a driver clicks on the "DRIVER TESTING" button shown on the https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/license/testprep.htm page.

Figure 3

23.   Every time a driver clicks a button on the webpage, a new "Button Click" event is transmitted to Meta. So if a driver clicks on multiple buttons on a page, Meta knows every single button the driver has clicked on, as well as which corresponding button was clicked. *See* Figures 4-7, below.
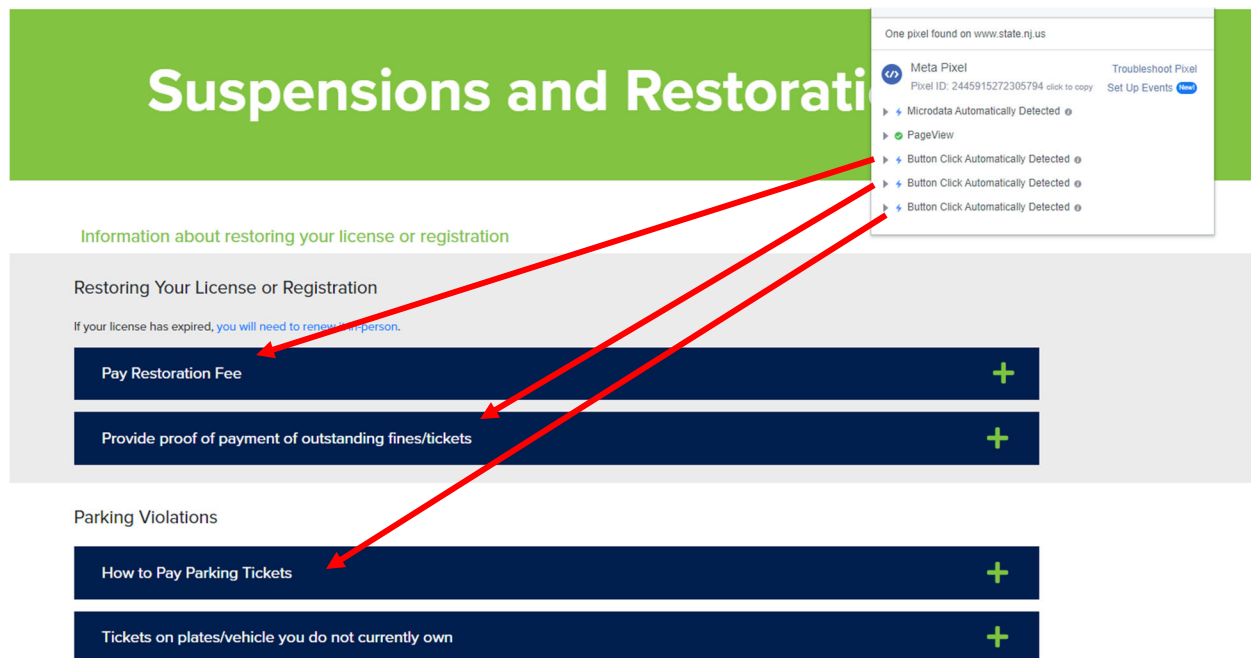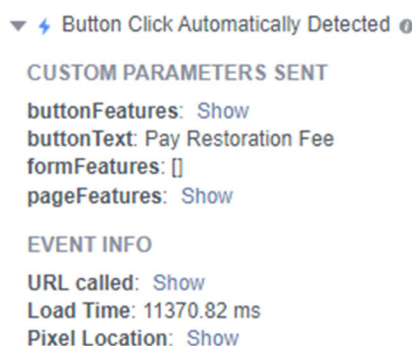

Figure 4

Figure 5   **Figure 6**   **Figure 7**
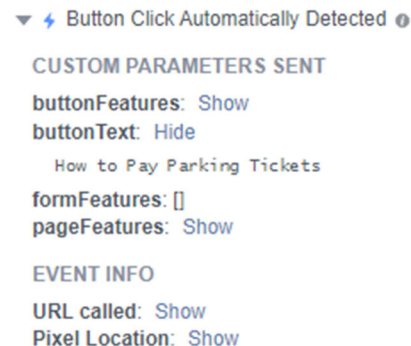
24.   This "Button Click" event is transmitted to Meta in just fractions of a second and gives Meta a real-time look into exactly what a particular driver is clicking as he or she is clicking it. As shown through a website's developer tools, which are publicly accessible by

pressing the F12 button on one's keyboard, Meta gets real-time data on when a particular button

is clicked on a particular webpage. For example, Figures 8-9, below, show that a driver clicked

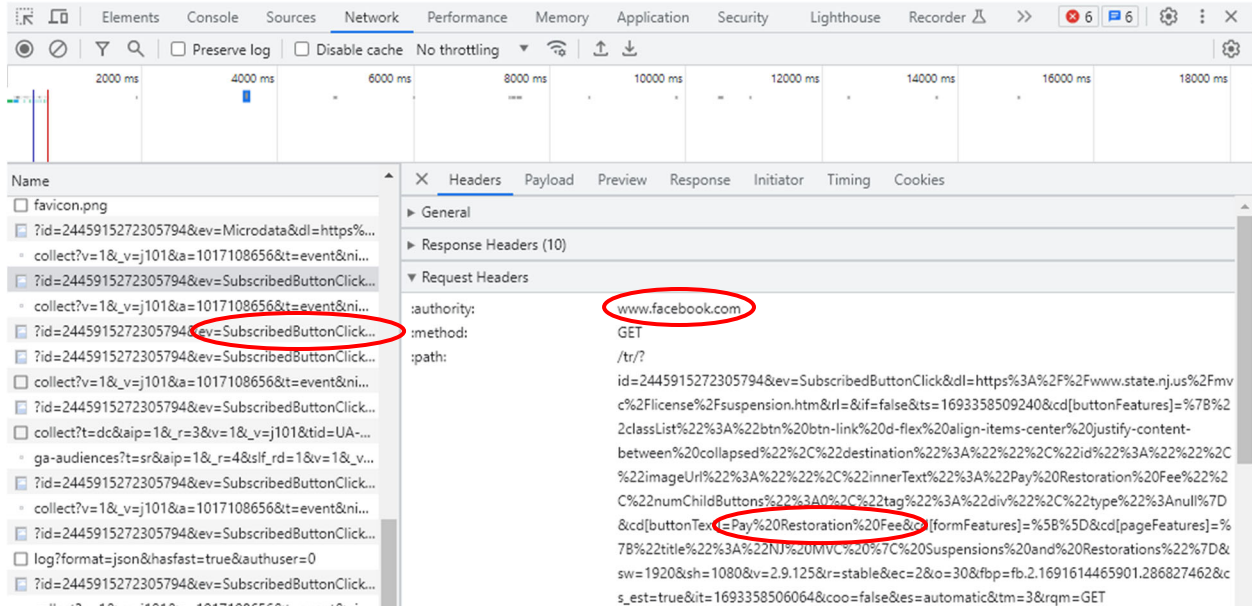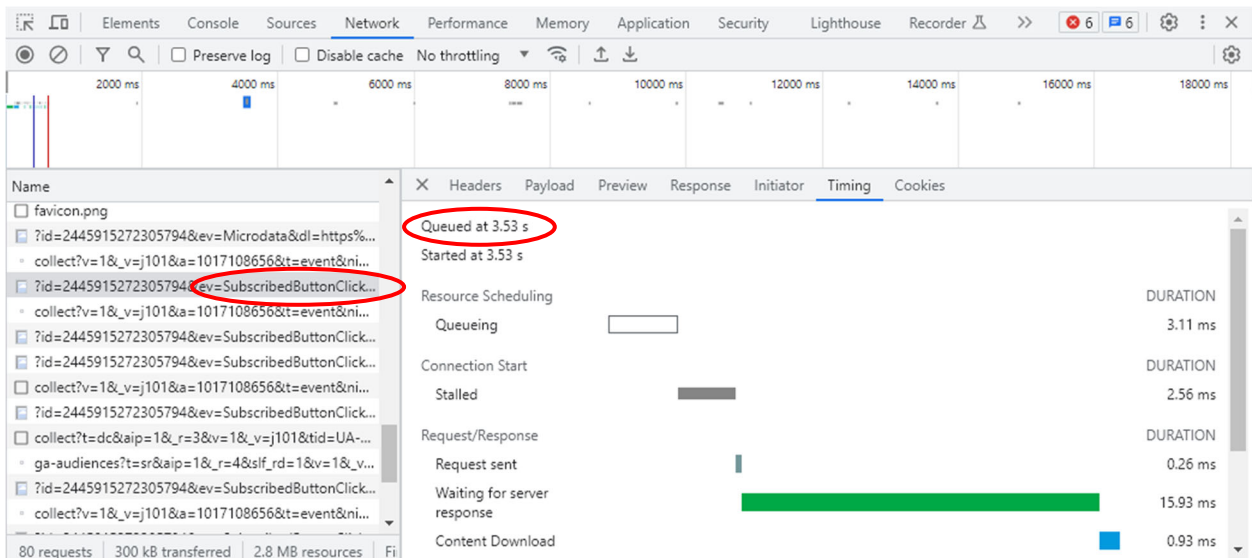on the "Schedule Drive Test" button after being on the page for 3.53 seconds.

Figure 8

Figure 9

25.   These three custom Meta Tracking Pixel events are present on almost all

https://www.state.nj.us/mvc webpages and convey a trove of information about a driver's

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personal business with the MVC. This includes whether a particular driver is seeking to

schedule an appointment for a driver road or written test, to obtain a new car registration, is

seeking to renew a driver or commercial vehicle license, is seeking to have their license

reinstated, and various other actions.

26.   Worse yet, the Meta Tracking Pixel even transmits "highly restricted personal

information," including whether a particular driver with a disability and has clicked on the

"Application for Vehicle License Plate and/or Placard for Persons with a Disability" hyperlink.
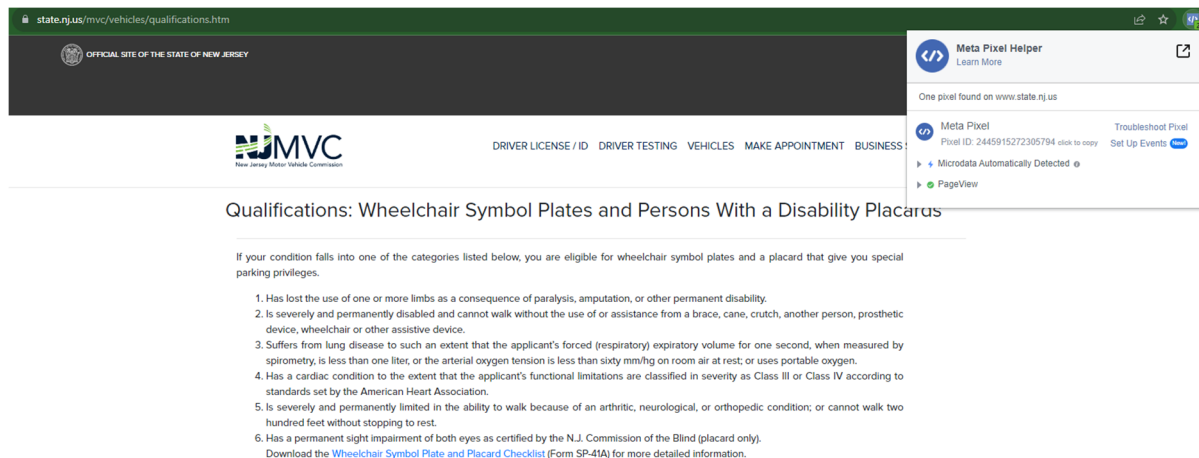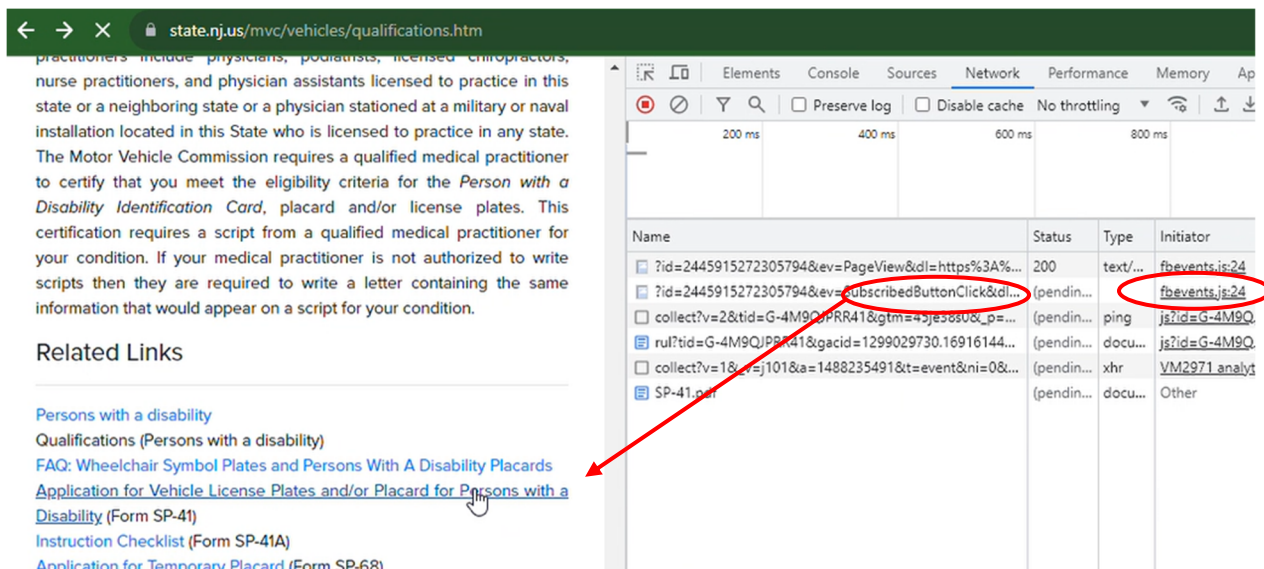
See Figures 10-11.

Figure 10

Figure 11

27.   When a driver is navigating https://www.state.nj.us/mvc while logged into

Facebook, the MVC website compels a visitor's browser to transmit an identifying "computer

cookie" to Meta called "c_user," for *every* single event sent through the Meta Tracking Pixel.

The c_user cookie contains that visitor's unencrypted Facebook ID. When browsing the above

page, for example, https://www.state.nj.us/mvc compelled the browser to send cookies to Meta.
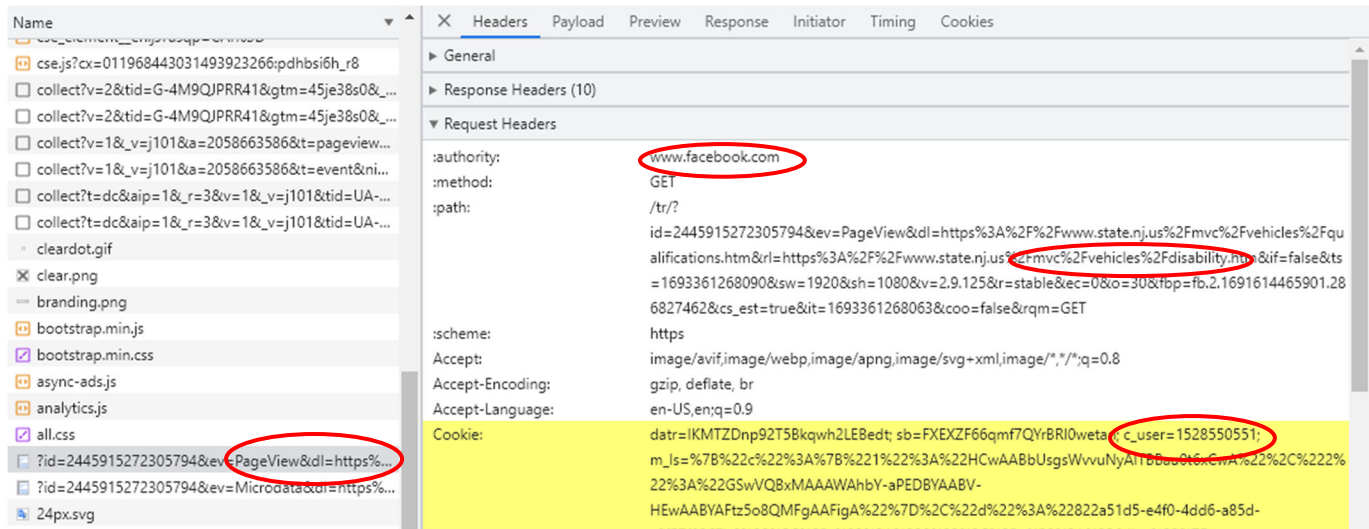

Figure 12

28.   The c_user cookie is personally identifiable information because it contains a

consumer's unencrypted Facebook ID. A Facebook ID allows *anybody*—not just Facebook—to

identify the individual driver with a Facebook account. If one types

www.facebook.com/[FacebookID] a into web browser, it will load that individual's Facebook

page. For example, the c_user cookie in Figure 12 is 1528550551, and

www.facebook.com/1528550551 leads to the undersigned's Facebook page.

29.   Thus, the Facebook ID number is a correlated number—just like a social security

number, drivers license number, or telephone number—which can be used by anyone to identify

an individual.

30.   The Meta Tracking Pixel transmits additional cookies to Meta. *See* Figure 13.

Request Cookies	☐ show filtered out request cookies
Name	Value
datr	IKMTZDnp92T5Bkqwh2LEBedt
sb	FXEXZF66qmf7QYrBRI0wetan
c_user	1528550551
m_ls	%7B%22c%22%3A%7B%221%22%3A%22HCwA...
xs	24%3ATWFeKjQ4G0FB5A%3A2%3A1679257972...
fr	0dgXejchgy9wbsJdp.AWWBsjsF_8enmAHXRDnb...
usida	eyJ2ZXIiOjEsImIkIjoiQXMwNmM5aDRyMXFxayIsI...

Figure 13

31.   The fr cookie contains, at least, an encrypted Facebook ID and browser identifier.[24] Facebook, at a minimum, uses the fr cookie to identify particular users.[25]

32.   Without a corresponding Facebook ID, the fr cookie contains, at least, an abbreviated and encrypted value that identifies the browser. Meta uses this for targeted advertising.

33.   Meta, at a minimum, uses the fr and c_user cookies to link to Facebook IDs and corresponding Facebook profiles.

34.   A Facebook ID is personally identifiable information. Anyone can identify a Facebook profile—and all personal information publicly listed on that profile—by appending the Facebook ID to the end of https://facebook.com.

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[24] DATA PROTECTION COMMISSIONER, FACEBOOK IRELAND LTD, REPORT OF RE-AUDIT (Sept. 21, 2012), http://www.europe-v-facebook.org/ODPC_Review.pdf.

[25] FACEBOOK, COOKIES & OTHER STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, https://www.facebook.com/policy/cookies/.

35.   The usida cookie collects a combination of a webpage visitor's browser and unique identifier. Meta uses the usida cookie to help target advertisements towards specific individuals.

36.   The Meta Tracking Pixel uses both first- and third-party cookies. A first-party cookie is "created by the website the user is visiting"—*i.e.*, https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/vehicles/disability.htm.[26] A third-party cookie is "created by a website with a domain name other than the one the user is currently visiting"—*i.e.*, Facebook.[27]

37.   Meta introduced first-party cookies in 2018 to allow its tracking Pixel to circumvent improvements in how web browsers block third-party cookies.[28] Third-party cookies were traditionally the primary means by which Facebook historically tracked people across the web. Being embedded in websites as a first-party cookie, rather than as a third-party cookie, causes drivers' browsers to treat that Pixel as though it is offered by the website they are visiting, rather than by Meta, a third party. When the Pixel is embedded in a website as a first-party cookie, the third-party cookie blocking functions of modern web browsers do not inhibit the Meta Pixel's collection of data. Operating similarly to, and with the same privacy exemptions applicable to, a first party cookie became another default Pixel setting in or around October 2018.

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[26] PC MAG, FIRST-PARTY COOKIES, https://www.pcmag.com/encyclopedia/term/first-party-cookie. This is confirmable by using developer tools to inspect a website's cookies and track network activity.

[27] PC MAG, THIRD-PARTY COOKIES, https://www.pcmag.com/encyclopedia/term/third-party-cookie. This is also confirmable by tracking network activity.

[28] Sergiu Gatlan, Softpedia News, Facebook to Circumvent Cross-Site Tracking Block with New First-Party Cookie (Oct. 6, 2018), https://news.softpedia.com/news/facebook-to-circumventcross-site-tracking-block-with-new-first-party-cookie-523089.shtml.

38.   By compelling a visitor's browser to disclose the c_user and fr cookies alongside event data, the New Jersey MVC website knowingly discloses personal information and highly restricted personal information to Meta. By partnering with the New Jersey MVC website to host the Meta Tracking Pixel, Meta also knowingly obtains this same personal information and highly restricted personal information.

39.   Moreover, by collecting the c_user and fr cookies as first-party cookies, Meta is collecting a drivers' Facebook ID number from the New Jersey MVC website directly.

40.   Meta confirms that it matches activity on the New Jersey MVC website with a Facebook user's profile. Meta allows users to download their "off-site activity," which is a "summary of activity that businesses and organizations share with us about your interactions, such as visiting their apps or websites."[29] The off-site activity report confirms Meta identifies a driver's activities on the New Jersey MVC website.
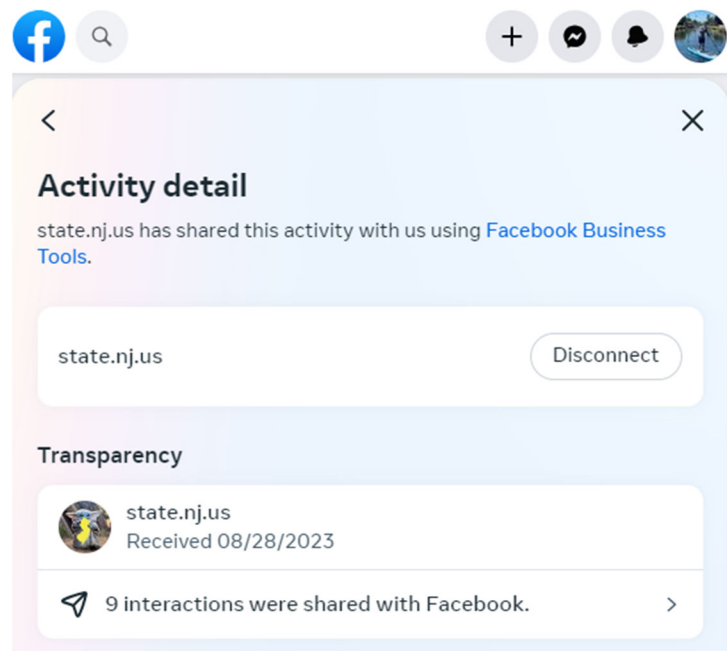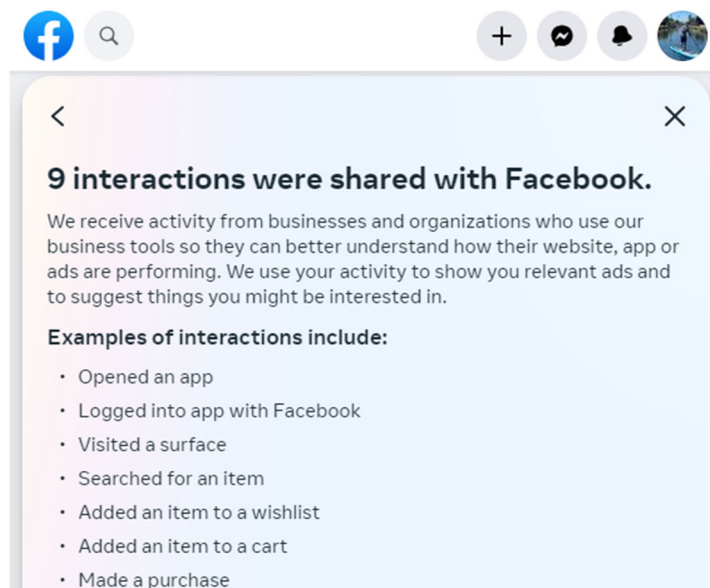

Figure 14[30]

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41.   Worse yet, when Facebook users click on the arrow showing the "9 interactions" depicted in Figure 14, Meta admits it uses this "activity to show you relevant ads and to suggest things you might be interested in."
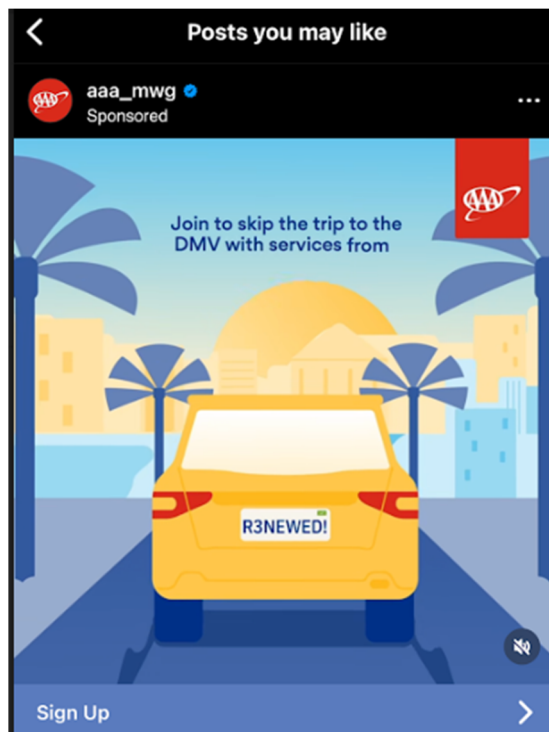

Figure 15

42.   Meta, after obtaining this information, uses it to deliver targeted advertisements to drivers on its social media platforms. This includes advertisements on Instagram for services which are ancillary to driving. Figure 16 for example, next page, shows a driver receiving an AAA ad telling them that by joining, they can "skip the trip to the DMV" on their Instagram account (owned by Meta) after visiting the New Jersey MVC website.

Activity is only a "summary" and Facebook acknowledges "receiv[ing] more details and activity than what appears in your Facebook activity." What is more, it omits "information we've received when you're not logged into Facebook, or when we can't confirm that you've previously used Facebook on that device."

[30] Figure 14 accurately depicts the thumbnail used for the New Jersey state website, which appears to be a photo of the *Mandalorian* character Grogu holding a yellow cutout the shape of the state of New Jersey.

Figure 16

D.   Experience of Plaintiff

43.   Plaintiff Knight used the New Jersey MVC website, https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/, to book appointments and conduct other private business with the New Jersey MVC between 2022 and 2023.

44.   Plaintiff Knight had a Facebook.com account during this time and accessed the New Jersey MVC website using the same browser that he used to access his Facebook account.

45.   When Plaintiff Knight was navigating the New Jersey MVC website, Meta obtained and used his personal information, along with various event data, including PageView, microdata and Button Click. Alongside this event data, Defendant also obtained and used identifiers for Plaintiff Knight including the c_user and fr cookies to Meta, as first-party cookies on his web browser.

46.   Meta used this information to help it in its advertising efforts.

47.   Plaintiff Knight discovered that Defendant surreptitiously collected and used his

personal information in August 2023.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

48.   **Class Definition**: Plaintiff seeks to represent a class of similarly situated

individuals defined as all persons in the United States who have Facebook and visited

https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/ after August 30, 2019.

49.   Subject to additional information obtained through further investigation and

discovery, the above-described Class may be modified or narrowed as appropriate, including

through the use of multi-state subclasses.

50.   **Numerosity (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1))**: At this time, Plaintiff does not know the

exact number of members of the aforementioned Class. However, given the popularity of

Defendant's website, the number of persons within the Class is believed to be so numerous that

joinder of all members is impractical.

51.   **Commonality and Predominance (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2), 23(b)(3))**: There is

a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved in this case.

Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class that predominate over questions

that may affect individual members of the Class include:

     (a)   whether Defendant collected Plaintiff's and the Class's personal

        information;

     (b)   whether Plaintiff's and the Class's personal information was contained in

        a motor vehicle record;

     (c)   whether Defendant unlawfully obtained and used Plaintiff's and the

        Class's personal information in violation of the DPPA;

(d) whether Defendant's actions were committed knowingly; and

(e) whether Defendant disclosed Plaintiff's and the Class's personal information without consent;

52. **Typicality (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3))**: Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class because Plaintiff, like all members of the Class, visited the New Jersey MVC website, and had his personal information obtained and used by Defendant.

53. **Adequacy (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4))**: Plaintiff has retained and is represented by qualified and competent counsel who are highly experienced in complex data privacy class action litigation, including litigation concerning the under other federal privacy statutes. Plaintiff and his counsel are committed to vigorously prosecuting this class action. Moreover, Plaintiff is able to fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class. Neither Plaintiff nor their counsel have any interest adverse to, or in conflict with, the interests of the absent members of the Class. Plaintiff has raised viable statutory claims of the type reasonably expected to be raised by members of the Class and Subclasses, and will vigorously pursue those claims. If necessary, Plaintiff may seek leave of this Court to amend this Class Action Complaint to include additional representatives to represent the Class and Subclasses, additional claims as may be appropriate, or to amend the definition of the Class and Subclasses to address any steps that Defendant took.

54. **Superiority (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3))**: A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual litigation of the claims of all members of the Class is impracticable. Even if every member of the Class could afford to pursue individual litigation, the court system could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual litigation of numerous cases would

proceed. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for varying, inconsistent or

contradictory judgments, and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and to the court

system resulting from multiple trials of the same factual issues. By contrast, the maintenance of

this action as a class action, with respect to some or all of the issues presented herein, presents

few management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and of the court system and

protects the rights of each member of the Class. Plaintiff anticipates no difficulty in the

management of this action as a class action.

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CAUSES OF ACTION
COUNT I
Violation of the Drivers Privacy Protection Act
18 U.S.C. § 2721, *et seq.*

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55.   Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all

preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

56.   Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the

proposed Class against Defendant.

57.   The Facebook ID numbers are "personal information," within the ambit of the

DPPA because they are correlated numbers that "identifies an individual," in the same way that

social security numbers, driver identification number, or telephone numbers identify individuals.

18 U.S.C. § 2725(3).

58.   Webpages on the New Jersey MVC website are a type of "motor vehicle record"

within the ambit of the DPPA, because they contain records that pertain to a motor vehicle

operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle registration, or identification cards issued by

the New Jersey MVC. 18 U.S.C. § 2725(1).

59.   Both encrypted and unencrypted Facebook ID numbers are the fr and c_users

cookies, respectively. These cookies were placed on Plaintiff and Class members web browsers.

When Plaintiff and Class members loaded a New Jersey MVC webpage, the c_user and fr_cookies were contained in the code of that webpage that was loaded on Plaintiff and Class members' browsers. By including the c_user and fr cookies as first-party cookies, they were cookies directly stored by the New Jersey MVC website. As such, when these cookies were transmitted to Meta, Meta obtained personal information from a motor vehicle record.

60.   Information about drivers applying for disability parking passes is "medical or disability information" which is defined as "highly restricted personal information" under the DPPA. 18 U.S.C. § 2725(4).

61.   Defendant knew it would obtain this information from the New Jersey MVC website because it allowed the New Jersey MVC to set its website as a place that hosts the Meta Tracking Pixel.

62.   Defendant knowingly used the personal information it obtained from the New Jersey MVC website to deliver targeted advertisements to Plaintiff and Class members.

63.   Neither Defendant nor the New Jersey MVC obtained express consent from Plaintiff or Class members to obtain or use their personal information for this purpose.

64.   On behalf of himself and the Class, Plaintiff seeks: (i) declaratory relief; (ii) injunctive and equitable relief as is necessary to protect the interests of Plaintiff and the Class by requiring Defendant to comply with DPPA's requirements; (iii) statutory damages of $2,500 for each violation of the DPPA pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2724(a); and (iv) reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and other litigation expenses.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks a judgment against Defendant, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, as follows:

(a)   For an order certifying the Class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, naming Plaintiff as representative of the Class, and naming Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Class;

(b)   For an order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the DPPA;

(c)   For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Class on all counts asserted herein;

(d)   An award of statutory damages to the extent available;

(e)   For punitive damages, as warranted, in an amount to be determined at trial;

(f)   For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;

(g)   For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem proper; and

(h)   For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and costs of suit.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.

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